

# Reading Census Records

## Knowledge Check

Jill is new to Family History and has found some census records. She doesn't understand them. Help Jill learn about the records she has brought to you. (2 Questions)

Page No. 23 } Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Richmond Township, in the County of Butts, State of Pennsylvania, enumerated by me on the 6th day of July, 1870.

Post Office: Butts James H. Cochran, Ass't Marshal.

Serial Number	Drilling-house number in the order of valuation	Family number in the order of valuation	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	Description.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate Owned.		Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S., or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Parentage.		If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Attended school within the year.	Education.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Constitutional Weakness.	
				Age at last birth, say under year, give months to fraction, thus: 7 1/2	Sex—Male (M) or Female (F)	Color—White (W), Black (B), Red (R), Yellow (Y), or other (O)		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.		Father of foreign birth.	Mother of foreign birth.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
37	146	158	Heck William	44	M		Ed. Labor												
38			Sarah	39	F		H. Keeping												
39			Elias	18	M		Ed. Labor												
40			Jacob	16	M		Ed. Engineer												

Question 1: Using the census image provided, help Jill identify the age of Elias Heck:

- A: 17
- B: 18
- C: 44
- D: This census doesn't list his age

The correct answer is A. Elias was 18 years old.

Question 2: Using the census image provided, help Jill identify the occupation of Sarah Heck:

- A: Hair Keeping
- B: Hog Keeping
- C: Honey Keeping
- D: House Keeping

The correct answer is D. Ho Keeping is House Keeping. This means Sarah is the woman of the house.

Technical Questions:

Question 3: What year did the census start recording the names of everyone in the household?

- A: 1850
- B: 1880
- C: 1900
- D: 1940

The correct answer is A. This marked the first major change in census history. The 1850 census includes the name, age, gender, race of everyone in the household, occupations and much more.

Question 4: What year did the census start recording an individual's marital status?

- A: 1850
- B: 1880
- C: 1900
- D: 1940

The correct answer is B. The 1880 census also recorded the relationships to the head of household and birthplaces.

Question 5: Which census was mostly lost to fire and water damage?

- A: 1860
- B: 1870
- C: 1890
- D: 1920

The correct answer is C. The 1890 census was largely lost to fire and water damage.